## RISE IN PRICE OF EDIBLE OIL DUE TO MARKET INTERVENTION OPERATION

*3275. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the Retail Prices of Dhara and other edible oils during the last five months;

(b) whether delay in the reimbursement of Market Intervention Operation (MIO) losses by Government is one of the factors for rise in the prices of edible oils including Dhara; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to contain the prices of edible oils ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The Retail Prices of Dhara during last 5 months are as follows :—

Retail Prices of Dhara brand of oils as on

(Rs./one litre pack)

| | 22-7-93 | 25-8-93 | 10-9-93 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Refined Groundnut Oil . . . . | 48 | 48 | 48 |
| 2. Double Filtered Groundnut Oil . . | 38 | 41 | 42 |
| 3. Refined Mustard Oil . . . . | 34 | 36 | 37.50 |
| 4. Double Filtered Mustard Oil . . . | 32 | 34 | 36 |

*No change in prices of Dhara from 10th September, 1993 to date.

(b) The prices of Dhara are revised from time to time in tune with the loose oil price to prevent misuse of Dhara Oil. The pricing strategy of Dhara adopted by NDDB is based on their best commercial judgement and has no bearing on non-reimbursement of losses to NDDB.

(c) As per the revised terms and conditions recommended by ECOP for MIO for the final year of its operation i.e. 1993-94, NDDB would implement MIO during the year with stocks carried forward from the previous year and dispose of the groundnut oil by October, 1993. In pursuance of this, NDDB has been vigorously selling groundnut oil and mustard oil in several markets to have an impact on prices. Between April and October, 1993, approximately 65,000 MT of edible oils were disposed of by NDDB.

*Previously Unstarred Question 2289, transferred from the 20th December, 1993.

## RAISING OF AMOUNT AT THE DISPOSAL OF NATIONAL CALAMITY FUNDS

3276. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to raise the amount at the disposal of the National Calamity Fund in view of frequent calamites occurring in the country; and

(b) if so, to what extent the amount is being raised and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) The Scheme for financing the relief expenditure in the wake of natural calamities, is based on the recommendations of the Finance Commission appointed from time to time. Under the present Scheme,

which is based on the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted for each State with an allocated amount. The Tenth Finance Commission at present is presently reviewig the existing scheme including Operation of the C.R.F.

## PROPOSALS FOR LOCATION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS PLANTS IN GUJARAT AND MAHARASHTRA

3277. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any proposals pending before Government for location of milk and milk products plants to be set-up in Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) since when they are pending and at what stage of consideration they are : and

(d) what are the reasons for undue delay in finalising the proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) Proposals under Operation Flood-III received by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) from different cooperative milk unions and federations for financing various milk and milk products plants is a continuous process. Hence there are proposals at various stages of consideration. A list of proposals for financing of milk and milk product facilities in Maharshtra and Gujarat under Operation Flood-III is enclosed as statement. (See below) :

(c) and (d) Proposals from Maharashtra were received by NDDB between November, 1992 and June, 1993. In case of Gujarat, a complete proposal is yet to be submitted by the union. NDDB has informed that proposals from Maharashtra could not be processed as the Government of Maharashtra has not yet signed the loan-cum-grant agreement with NDDB to obtain funds under Operation Flood-III.

**Statement**

*Proposals under Operation Flood received from Maharashtra and Gujarat under consideration of NDDB.*

| State | Milkshed | Location | Details of the proposal. |
|---|---|---|---|
| I. Maharashtra | Ahmednagar | Ahmednagar | New Dairy Plant with Powder Plant. |
| | Kolhapur | Kolhapur | Dairy Plant expension with New Powder Plant. |
| | Federation | Bombay (Mahanand) | Dairy Plant expansion. |
| | Bhandara | Sindhpuri | New Dairy Plant. |
| | Satara | Satara | Dairy Plant expansion with a New Powder Plant. |
| | Jalna | Jalna | Conversion of IO TLPD Chilling Facility to 20 TLPD Dairy Plant. |
| | Sholapur | Tembhurni | Conversion of 30 TLP Chilling Facility to 75 TLPD Dairy Plant. |
| | Chandrapur | Chandrapur | Dairy Plant expansion. |
| | Akluj | Akluj | Dairy Plant expansion with a New Powder Plant. |
| II. Gujarat | Sabaraktha | Himmatnagar | Dairy Plant expansion. |

TLPD– Thousand litres per day.